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There appears to be little opposition among the Congressional opponents of free raw materials to free petroleum. This is easily explained. Standard Oil which is said to have acquired control of the great oil fields in Mexico, naturally desires to import the product free of duty.

The cocaine habit has appeared in the "dry" sections of the south and seems to be increasing and spreading. It is said that the negroes are particularly addicted to this drug, and that its effects are very much worse in all respects than those resulting from the excessive use of liquor. The advocates of compulsory morality, in the form of prohibition, appear to have brought on a much greater evil.

Of course, the State Senate rejected the employers' liability bill and the measure removing the \$5,000 limit on damages recoverable for fatal negligence. Corporations which antagonize these bills, are believed to control the Senate. The \$5,000 limit bill should most certainly have passed. With \$5,000 deposited in a savings bank, the annual income of a family deprived of its bread-winner would be but \$200 or less than \$4 a week.

The judicial custom of criticizing the verdicts of juries, and of occasionally setting them aside, should be abated as liable to abuse and also as contrary to the intent of the creation of the jury system. That system was devised to reflect public sentiment, and it represents a higher authority than do the judges, viz., the people. Juries may err at times, and so do judges—neither are infallible upon questions of either fact or law.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, raises the point that reductions of tariff duties on manufactured products are more important to the great army of consumers than is the placing of raw materials upon the free list, and he is quite right. Free raw materials would reduce the cost of manufacturing products, but under the present system of great industrial trusts, it is not extremely probable that the reduction would ever lessen the prices to consumers.

Massachusetts has an anti-lobbying law which requires every person or corporation interested in legislation to report under oath the names and compensation of such "legislative counsel or agents" as were employed to promote or oppose legislation. It does not work as expected. At the recently closed session of the Legislature, it appears that though hundreds were employed, but one "legislative agent" or lobbyist received money as such, the amount being \$1,701, while the "legislative counsel" or lawyer-lobbyists all appeared on the corporations' pay-rolls as drawing regular salaries. Though the law reveals the facts, it does not check the practice.

Western merchants and manufacturers have devised a plan of apparently successful competition with the mail order houses. They have organized what is called the Berkley system. There are now 6,000 country stores in the system and their orders are combined, which enables them to buy as cheaply as do the mail order houses, perhaps even more cheaply. In addition, they have the advantage of displaying the goods instead of selling from catalogues, and the goods are widely advertised. Manufacturers of staple goods are also in this system and ship direct to the several stores. Should this Berkley system work successfully, and become of country-wide operation, the mail order houses may, eventually, be driven out of business, or their trade at least be cut down very materially.

Gov. Weeks' veto of the bill lessening the number of votes in the board of pardons for the granting of a pardon, the present law requiring a unanimous vote, is a strongly-reasoned document. His points are that criminal acts "should be made as unattractive as possible"; that an accused person can only be convicted upon a unanimous verdict of 12 jurors; that the bill is "the first step on the wrong road" and might be followed by other steps in the same direction; that if the board of pardons is too large, its membership should be reduced; that its votes have always been unanimous; and that if the statutory penalties for crime are too severe, let them be reduced but "let not false sentiment lessen that protection which is the right of our law-abiding citizens."

WESTERN SENATORS WON'T HAVE FREE RAW MATERIALS

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, July 24.—"Don't make any bets or promises that you'll not shave or have another haircut until hides go on the free list, because I don't want you to look like Rip Van Winkle."

This was the advice given to-day by a prominent Senator to one of his newspaper friends and it voiced the feeling of confidence which exists among the western Republican Senators on the whole question of free raw materials. They are perfectly willing to make concessions in the rates but they stand pat against the proposition to remove all duties from hides, coal, iron ore and lumber.

So far as Senator Aldrich is concerned, his personal interests and the material interests of the section from which he comes would be served through the putting of all these articles on the free list. He has been striving to secure the reductions which President Taft wants. He has personally taken the views of a large number of Senators under consideration. He has informed the President that it is impossible, however, to pass a bill through the Senate and House with these things on the free list.

What the President wants is as low rates as he can get with due regard to the protective policy of his party. He is satisfied himself as to the amount of the concessions which he can secure and it can be stated positively that he will not only sign the bill but feels that he can congratulate the country on its recent downward revision character. With the duty on hides cut to 7 1/2 per cent, and the rates on leather, boots and shoes reduced materially from existing law, with coal reduced from 67 cents to 40 or 45 cents per ton; with lumber reduced from \$2 per thousand to \$1.25; with oil free and iron ore cut from 40 cents down to about ten, which is the present figure talked of, the President feels that the new tariff can well be defended.

MAN IS KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR WINDSOR LOCKS

(Special from United Press.)
Windsor, Locks, Conn., July 24.—In an attempt to get out of the way of a north-bound freight train John Fitzgerald, aged 40, whose home is believed to be in Ware, Mass., stepped in front of the White Mountain Express near the Hayden station yesterday and was instantly killed. The force of the blow knocked his head from his body and threw it on one side while the trunk was tossed on the other. The body was removed to an undertaking establishment in the town of Windsor where identification was made by means of papers found in the victim's pockets.

JESUP, WHO DONATED MEMORIAL LIBRARY, LEAVES \$13,352,435

New York, July 24.—The appraisal of the estate of Morris K. Jesup, who died in last January, places the value at \$13,352,435, divided into \$11,346,543 of personal property and \$2,005,892 in real estate. There were debts amounting to \$124,894 and administration expenses of \$10,000. The executors collected commissions amounting to \$60,000, which are deducted from the personal estate. The net value of the estate is \$12,314,894, disposed of in sixty-three bequests. Maria De Witt Jesup, the widow, is residuary legatee. After the sixty-three bequests, including \$1,000,000 to the American Museum of Natural History, are deducted, the widow's share of the estate is \$9,617,091. She will be obliged, under the law, to pay a transfer tax of 1 per cent on her share, but she has indicated also on paying the inheritance tax on the sixty-two other legacies, so that they will go to the beneficiaries without cost of expense.

Paintings are valued at \$195,715. Mr. Jesup donated the Jesup Memorial Library to Westport.

St. Ann Shrine Cure

New York, July 23.—The priests who are conducting the novena to St. Ann at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, No. 159 East Seventy-sixth street, made known yesterday that J. E. Mefford, of No. 355 East Seventy-second street, has recovered the use of his right leg, which he claims has been practically helpless through paralysis for four years.

MAN IS HERS BY RIGHT OF LOVE

Emily Hammond, Cannot See Why Real Wife Doesn't Get a Divorce and Let Them Be Happy.

Greenwich, Conn., July 24.—Emily Ardine Hammond, former actress, who is accused by Mrs. Frank Boyer of having taken her husband away from him and who has sued for separation and alimony of \$5,000 a year, made a reporter her only statement since she has given for publication since the trouble with her husband began five years ago.

As she sat on the veranda of the Elbert Reynolds cottage, leased for the summer by Boyer, she spoke of her troubles calmly while stroking the head of Frank W. Boyer, Jr., a sturdy little chap born three years ago. Sunday night Boyer told Elbert Reynolds he had received a telegram calling him to California on urgent business, and he went away the following day. Mrs. Reynolds called that evening upon Mrs. Boyer, who was in Greenwich, and found her in tears. She seemed greatly upset at Boyer's departure and would not be comforted until Mrs. Reynolds was a frequent caller at the house, and it was not until Wednesday's newspapers arrived in the village that any one suspected another Mrs. Boyer existed.

"I consider that I am Mr. Boyer's legal wife by right of love," said the former actress. "Would you not think that a woman, well knowing her husband no longer cares for her, but is in love with another, would obtain a divorce? I would. As I consider him my husband, so he considers me his wife."

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went on, "that is, so far as I am concerned. Only the laws of man stand between us, and these we do not make. We are not responsible for what has been made nor for certain things which have transpired."

Asked if she had ever married Boyer the young woman replied she could not answer the question. "When I met my husband, in 1904, I thought he had been divorced," she said. "When my husband obtained a separation I thought that was a divorce, but the fact that I was wrong does not make any difference in my feeling for Mr. Boyer. He is a most lovable man and could not be guilty of all the wrongs laid at his door. What we have done is not wrong. It is right, although it may not have been in keeping with the social laws man has made."

"Mrs. Boyer" smiled when the subject of her stage career was brought up. She said she had never been known on the stage as "Ted Barrington," nor had she ever been a chorus girl.

"I came East from my home in California and was graduated from New York's best dramatic school," she explained. "Then, for a few weeks I sang a small part in 'The Casino Girl.' This was merely to learn the stage. One of my best friends was Maybelle Gilman, now Mrs. W. E. Cory. I appeared under the name of Ruth Woodcroft, but when I entered the dramatic field I called myself Ardine Altherton. My father was Henry Woodcroft Hammond, of London. I am well connected in New York and California, one of my uncles being a Judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in New York. I shall not give his name."

"The trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Boyer began five years ago. This is not the only time they have separated. You know she is old enough to be my mother. And her son, well, he is about my own age. Old friends of my husband's family know all about our life and they have been very friendly. I have called on Mrs. Boyer's daughter socially and also know her son well."

According to the woman Boyer's wealth has been exaggerated. "He owes me a considerable sum," she said, "as I told Charles Boyer to-day when I called upon him. As for the \$50,000 legacy from Mrs. Amelia Barlow, another name of Boyer, I do not care for a penny of it. It is what prevents Mrs. Boyer from obtaining a divorce she can go ahead."

She emphatically said Boyer had dressed as a woman and gone to his Mount Vernon home in an automobile. She characterized the report as too absurd to be believed even in a gossip. It was said at the New York office of Blandy, Mooney & Shipman, attorneys for Mrs. Boyer, Wednesday, that action would be taken against Boyer under the Connecticut laws, which makes it a felony for a man to live with a woman other than his wife.

Charles H. Boyer, President of the firm of L. Boyer & Sons, said his brother Frank is no longer connected with the firm. He added he did not want to become involved in any difficulty between a man and his wife, so he knew nothing of the matter. He last heard from his brother in May. At that time Frank was in California.

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PLATT'S OPINION IN ADMIRALTY CASE

Judge James P. Platt has filed an opinion in the district court of the United States which is of much interest to those who filed libels against the steam tug Baxter, sold at auction while tied up in New London harbor some time ago.

The Baxter was first libelled by seamen who had wages due from the owner of the tug, and later libels were filed by merchandise and other creditors in seaport towns. The matter was referred to E. E. Marvin, clerk of the court, as master, to pass on the claims and apportion the fund remaining among the libellants. It was said at the time the Baxter was to be sold that she should bring \$15,000, but she brought only \$5,500 and after Clark Marvin filed his report some of the claimants to the fund filed exceptions to its being accepted. The report has been accepted, however, by Judge Platt.

Judge Platt states that no one criticizes so much of the report as deals with seamen's wages and preferred fees and costs, and to that extent it is accepted at the outset. There is then left for distribution a balance of \$14,942.85, and it is over this that the contest rages. "I am convinced," states Judge Platt, "that it will be an act of wisdom on the part of these belligerent creditors to accept, with grace, the more than half a loaf offered them by the clerk, as master, even if his conclusions have been arrived at somewhat irregularly. If they continue their warfare they run the risk of their claims being lost, when they open their hands at the end of it, that while clutching at what they think is substance, they have in reality grasped at a shadow. After serious consideration it seems to me that the facts leave the final conclusion in sufficient doubt so that it is my duty to accept the report of the clerk on these claims."

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